

# Anti Slavery Petitions For the right of trial by jury

	Petitioners
1 From Bath	58
2 Inhabitants of Sumner and Hartford	102
3 Inhabitants of North Yarmouth	55
4 Inhabitants of New Porttance	99
5 Inhabitants of Fairfield	36
6 Legal voters in the County of Franklin	69
7 Inhabitants of St. Albans	55
8 Inhabitants of the town of Freeport	40
9 Inhabitants of the town of Gardiner	125
10 Inhabitants of the town of Blanchard	84
11 Inhabitants of Wayne	38
12 Inhabitants of Windsor and vicinity and vs. all laws making a distinction of color	81
13 Inhabitants of Hallowell also 33 ps. making avg.	66
14 Inhabitants of Strong distinction of color	33
15 Inhabitants of Bangor	26
	<hr/> 1090

2 Petitions praying for the Abolition of Slavery in the Dist. of Columbia		No. of Petitioners
St. Albans Som. Co.	47	49
Newfield Ken Co.	2	



Antislavery Petitions Presented to  
the Legislature of Maine in the year 1841

Petitions for the Right of trial by  
Jury 15 in No. and containing in all  
one thousand and ninety petitioners

1090

Two Petitions praying for the abolition  
of Slavery in the Dist. of Columbia con-  
taining forty nine petitioners

49

Eight Petitions praying for the repeal  
of all laws making any distinction of  
~~color~~ on account of color

615

Petitions on the right of Petition five  
in No.

3673



To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

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Names

Names

Temperance H. Hawes

Clementine Cook

Eliza Munford

Deborah Howes

Susan S. Howes

Percilla S. Howes

Percilla Howes

Elizabeth H. Forob

Percilla H. Howes

Hannah S. Good

Hannah Berry

Mary S. Good

Lydia Robinson

Mary Walker

Susan Sykes

Eliza Howes

Hannah H. Good

Mary S. M. Good

Nancy Smith

Susanna Mayhew

Sarah M. Smith

Martha J. R. Prescott

E. C. Prescott

Fanny G. Ruppel

Tabrina Raymond

Hannah

Susan B. Butler

Hannah H. Berry

Judith Mason

Mary ~~Mason~~ Maron

Sophronia Hopkins

Flavilla Drew



Notice - The names of Females over fourteen years of age, are de-  
sired. Please write on the other side.

Memorice of  
Dennis James H. House  
since 30 other female  
inhabitants of this state  
over 14 years of age -  
bearing that the steel-  
egatid in Congress  
from this state may  
be instructed to Rush  
the report of the  
Gay rule of Congress

West Sullivan  
H. H. H.



Monson,

Jun 7 6 1841  
From Monson 64

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### NAMES.

S. W. Ledy  
Prady Taylor  
Margaret S. Colton

Chas B. Hills  
J. A. Robinson  
Sarah C. Lake  
Polly Norton  
Betsey G. Hoar

Louisa D. Gates  
Polly Davison  
Harriet C. Zeils  
Lydia A. Hills  
Cecilia B. Whiting  
Cynthia Chapin

### NAMES.

Catharine Higgins  
Lavina A. Hines  
Lorina Hines

Mary Ordner  
Permelia Stinchfield  
Hannah Stinchfield  
Hannah W. Stinchfield  
Harriet Cushman

Lucy F. Pilsbury  
Cynthia Goodell

Eurydice L. James  
Abby C. Flanders  
Sarah M. Dunham



Petition of

S U Haley and 63 others ladies of the  
 state of Maine praying the legislature would  
 request our representatives in congress. to use  
 their utmost influence to have a resolve  
 which was passed at the late session of  
 congress, by the house of representatives  
 declaring: "That no petition, resolution, mem-  
 orial or other paper praying the abolition  
 of slavery in the district of Columbia, or  
 any state or territory in the United States  
 in which it now exists shall be received  
 by this House, or entertained any other way"  
 rescinded And also that they may be  
 heard before a committee, by Counsel

House of Representatives  
 February 15, 1841

Read and referred to the  
 Committee who have under  
 consideration the subject  
 of Slavery is sent up  
 for concurrence

By C. C. Calkins Clerk

In Senate Feb. 16, 1841

Read & referred in council

Samuel L. Garrison, Secy

CW Foster



# To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

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We also pray that your petitioners may be heard before a committee of your honorable body, by counsel.

NAMES.

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Jan 7 6-1841

Martha L Blanchard  
Melinda C Blanchard  
Rachel C Blanchard

Betsy M Blanchard  
Juliet Blanchard

Sarah C Packard  
Mary Goodell  
Mary Ann Blackstone  
Julia Goodell  
Mary C Patten

Mary T Sturtevant  
Roseana Spearman  
Sylvia Macey  
Hestia Tolin  
Joanna Holbrook

Sarah Patten  
Susan Patten  
Elizabeth Bowker  
Amanda Bowker  
Judith Blanchard  
Caroline Merrill  
Patience Packard

Lizzy Holbrook  
Mary C Barrow  
Nancy M. Barrow  
Sarah J Blackstone  
Sarah Sturtevant  
Ruth Sturtevant  
Melinda Sturtevant



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Petition of  
Martha S Blanchard and 29

others ladies of the state of main praying the  
Legislation would request <sup>in Congress</sup> our representatives to  
use their utmost influence to have a resolve  
which was passed at the late session of Congress  
by the House of representatives. declaring: "That  
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paper praying the abolition of Slavery in the  
district of Columbia or any State or territory  
in the United States in which it now exists  
shall be received by this House or entertained  
in any way whatever;" rescinded

And also that they may be heard before  
a committee, by Counsel

House of Representatives  
February 15. 1841  
Read and referred to the  
Committee who have un-  
der consideration the  
subject of Slavery  
Sent up for concurrence  
Geo. C. Cuttall Clerk

In Senate Feb. 16. 1841  
Read & referred to committee  
Daniel Lambson Secy

C. W. Foster



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We also pray that your petitioners may be heard before a committee of your honorable body, by counsel.

## NAMES.

Mary (Bates)  
Ann Gates  
C. G. Fenton  
E. F. Fenton  
J. a. Peck  
F. J. Fenton

## NAMES.

Mary H. Blos  
Helen Frank  
Denny Wick  
Nancy Dawson  
Cath. Hughes  
Estw. Brooks  
Allen Doyle  
Susan E. Root



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Petition of Mary Betsey &  
13 other Ladies in relation to  
the subject of Slavery

House of Representatives  
Jan'y 25 1841

Please send to the Committee  
who have that subject under  
consideration  
Geo. C. Gutierre Clerk

In Senate Jan'y. 26. 1841

read & referred to a committee  
Sam'l Webster, Secy

Rec'd per mail 3  
Aug. 1841 Dec 10/40 3

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J. W. Russell Representative

Capitol of the State of

Maine

To the Legislature of the State of Maine.



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NAMES.

Nancy Hilborn  
Lucy A. Hilborn  
Elvira Beane  
Zilpha Buckman  
Lucy Beane  
Abigail Stratton  
Lucinda Dunham  
Betsey Lowell  
Hannah Crocker  
Hannah O. Crocker  
Rebecca Allen

NAMES.



Petition of 11 gentlemen  
of this state praying  
for the removal of  
the gag law

Names of 11

Petition of 11  
Females of this  
State for the re-  
moval of the  
gag rule of Congress

Seth Wilson

H. Angell



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We also pray that your petitioners may be heard before a committee of your honorable body, by counsel.

## NAMES.

Sally M Smith  
 Hannah S Warren  
 Lydia C Pease  
 Caroline Mosher  
 Mary Foss  
 Maria Newbegin  
 Dorcas Libby  
 Prudence Abbot  
 Mary S Phenix  
 Joan Phenix  
 Nancy Foss  
 Louisa Coolidge  
 Frances Foss  
 Emeline Brown  
 Roxana Butters  
 Mehitable Butters  
 Ellen S Mann  
 Betsey Mugford  
 Mary S Mugford  
 Susan M Sate  
 Maria T Allen  
 Angeline Brown  
 Sarah Sawyer  
 Lucinda Goolde  
 Lucy A Whitten  
 Martha Srott  
 Mercy Nason  
 Sarah Dinsmore  
 Caroline Mayberry  
 Olive S Stetson  
 Jane Libby  
 Betsey N Boynton  
 Mary S Tarbox  
 Mary S Roberts  
 Susan Higgins

## NAMES.

Elizabeth Woodman  
 Mary A Moody  
 Rachael A Graffam  
 Mehitable Edwards  
 Harriet Stetson  
 Sarah Manchester  
 Susan B Mosher  
 Rebecca Libby  
 Margaret Bates  
 Ellen R Skillings  
 Nancy Skillings  
 Elizabeth Skillings  
 Jane Srott  
 Olive W Offancock  
 Ellen B Jordan  
 Sarah Bragdon  
 Eunice Libby  
 Mary Coolbroth  
 Harriet Libby  
 Susan Davis  
 Maria Atkinson  
 Sarah Whitman  
 Sarah Leavitt  
 Hannah Hall  
 Hannah Nason  
 Emily Libby  
 Dorcas Brown  
 Abba M Brown  
 Sarah A Brown  
 Susan B Brown  
 Margaret Brown  
 Dorcas Worthley  
 Margaret Trafton  
 E. J. Trafton  
 Nancy Partridge  
 Nancy Murch  
 Mary D Plummer  
 Caroline Plummer  
 Mary A Andrews  
 Mary A Gammon  
 Pamela C Wood  
 Jane S Stetson  
 Catharine B Pease  
 Emma Larrabee  
 Jane A Stephens  
 Jane B Robinson  
 Jane Haskell  
 Elizabeth K Berry  
 Jane L. Stevens



Petition 241  
of Sally M. Smith  
and <sup>8</sup>others on the subject  
of Slavery

House of Representatives  
February 11. 1841

Read and referred to  
the Committee who have  
that subject under con-  
sideration - Sent up  
for concurrence

Geo. C. Getchell Clerk

In Senate, Feb. 11. 1841

Read & referred to  
the Committee

Daniel Sanborn, Secy

and

H. C. Babb

Wm. & Thomas  
C. Smith & Co.

From Jamaica Village  
Westbrook Maine



STATE OF MAINE.

**THE COMMITTEE** *Joint Select Committee*  
to which was referred the Petition of

*E. Robinson and others Inhabitants of* **praying that**  
*Readfield also of Sullivan Lanthrop & others Inhabitants*  
*of the town of St Albans praying the Legislature*  
*to pass Resolutions instructing our Senators and Rep-*  
*resentatives to use their influence to obtain the passage*  
*of a Law abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia*  
*and the Territories of the United States*

have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to  
**Report, that the Petitioner** ~~have leave to bring in a~~  
~~which is herewith submitted.~~

*Submit the Following Resolves*

*H. Ingalls* ~~Chairman.~~ *Chairman*  
~~*John Nelson, per order*~~

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Clerk.

IN SENATE,

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Read and concurred.

Secretary.



praying that

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Report, that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a  
which is herewith submitted.

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Report of Committee  
in relation to Slavery

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

12-16-66

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IN SENATE.

Read and concurred.

Secretary.



Mary  
Susan Cushman  
Ann Cushman  
Olis Stinchfield  
Olis Bray  
Marilla Dwyer  
Roxana Stinchfield

E. C. Tolson  
Mary W. Crafts  
M. C. Pullen

Roxana Matthews

Roxana S. Matthews

Ann Matthews

Luanna Matthews

Abby J. Springer

Harriet A. Davis

Rebecca W. Packard  
Gowest Engstrom

Mary C. Jordan

Dorcas Atkinson

Almira Ward

Harriet Cushman

Lorey P. W. Turr

Sophronia Brockway

Sam E. Gates  
Martha C. Murry  
Jane S. Gates  
Melusa C. Norton  
Selma P. Seab  
Manny Fairbairn

Sarah Chase

Mary Connor

Leroy Brown

Sarah Willshury

Louissana B. Doughty

Lovisa C. Vinton

Pauline C. Taylor



To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State  
of Maine

The undersigned, Inhabitants of  
Reefside, Co. of Kennebec — (Loyal voters) —  
Respectfully pray your honorable body to  
instruct our Senators, & request our  
Representatives in Congress to use their  
influence in favor of the immediate  
abolishment of <sup>& spirities</sup> slavery in the District  
of Columbia, — and the Slave trade  
between the States

C. Robinson

D. B. Randall



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Petition from Read  
Praying the Legislature  
to instruct Senators &  
request <sup>our</sup> Representatives  
in Congress to use  
their influence in  
favour of the immediate  
abolition of Slavery  
in the District of  
Columbia & the Territories  
& the Slave Trade betw  
een the States —

Signed by J. —

House of Representatives  
July 8, 1841

Read & referred to the Com-  
mittee who have the sub-  
ject under consideration  
Laid up for concurrence  
Pro C. Getchell Clerk

In Senate, Feb. 6, 1841  
Read & ref. in concurrence  
Daniel Webster Secy

Richard Jenkins  
Readfile



## Resolutions relative to Slavery and the Slave Trade

Whereas domestic slavery exists in the District of Columbia under the express authority of Congress, which at the time of the cession of the District re-enacted the slave codes of Maryland and Virginia, and whereas the sanction thus given to slavery and its continued toleration at the seat of Government from a manifest violation, by this nation of the first principles of justice, and have a tendency to corrupt the moral sense and lower the character of the whole people of the United States; and whereas this nation can have no higher interest either before God or in the eyes of men than the establishment of justice ~~and~~ and strengthening the just foundation of national honour; and whereas slavery in the District of Columbia, being thus a national concern, and involving national responsibility, it is the right of the State of Maine to remonstrate against the common wrong, and the degradation of national character therefore —

Resolved That Congress has, by the Constitution power to abolish slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia, and that there is nothing in the terms or circumstances of the acts of cession by Virginia and Maryland or otherwise, imposing any legal or moral restraint upon its exercise.

Resolved, That Congress ought to take measures to effect the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia



Resolved, That the rights of humanity the claims of justice, and the common good alike demand the suppression by Congress, of the slave trade carried on in and through the District of Columbia —

Resolved, That Congress has by the Constitution power to abolish slavery in the territories of the United States.

Resolved, that no new State ought to be admitted into the Union whose constitution shall tolerate slavery.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their utmost efforts to give effect to the foregoing resolves

Resolved, That ~~his excellency~~ the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolves to each of the Senators and Representatives from Maine in Congress



To the Honorable, The Legislature of Maine

The undersigned inhabitants of St. Albans and County of Somerset respectfully request your honorable body to pass resolutions, & transmit the same to the Congress of the United States, requesting that Honorable body to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia & in the several Territories of the United States

Thymer Smith  
Thomas Skinner

L. W. Hartwell

Edward Dillingham

Wm. Winson

Joseph Roberts

Hervey Hawes

James Stewart

Isiah Leach

Lewis L. Merrill

Abram Moor  
Israel Vinney

Edw. H. Page

Warren White

Chas. Whipple

Jonah Bacon

Samuel Hartwell

Mark Buzzell

Mark Haley

John B. Capps

Daniel Sampson

Calvin Smyth

Ata Russell

Sullivan Stimp

Samuel Sanborn

Daniel Shepherd

James S. Merrill

John Johnson

Charles Merrill  
Sullivan A. Merrill

Nath. Merrill

Joseph Merrill

Nathan Douglas

J. M. Hoynes

C. B. Smith

Stephen Perry

Thos. Foss

Samuel Foss

Stephen Hartwell

Samuel Hallbrook

Harris Corcoran

Elihu Getchell

Jonathan How

Nath. Merrill

Thomas Foss

Jonah Vinney

Sam. Beal



George Bullen  
W. M. Heard

Alonzo Stewart  
J. B. Tenney  
James Sampson



Petitions of the Inhabitants of  
St Albans

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Petition of Sullivan  
Lathrop and 50 others  
Inhabitants of St Albans  
Requesting this body to  
pass resolutions and  
transmit the same to  
Congress of the United  
States requesting that  
Honourable body to abolish  
Slavery in the District of  
Columbia & the several  
Territories of the United  
States  
House of Representatives  
January 30th 1841

Read and referred to  
the Committee who have  
that Subject under  
consideration. Sent  
up for concurrence  
Geo C. Graham Clerk

In Town Hall 1. 1841  
read & ref<sup>d</sup> in unan<sup>m</sup>  
Oscar S. Smith Secy

J B Torrey